

In Shaker Hts. Nearly Everyone Reads the Shakerite

Idiotorial

This is our only chance and we're going to take it. All this time we've kept silent, observing the miserable life of the students around us and dying for a chance to get back at the people who caused it. We are leaving in the names of people involved in hopes that it will incriminate them. Here is a list of practical reforms which we feel Shaker needs:

1. We feel that certain classes should be held in Florida for the benefit of those students who need the sun. It is ridiculous for those poor overworked students who need a rest to travel all the way back to Shaker just to get an education. After all, if the mountain won't come to Mohammed, Mohammed must come to the mountain.
2. We think it's about time Mr. MacKeigan got a new bell. His old one is so small that only the students in his classes receive the benefits from it. Perhaps we could arrange to have a large Chinese gong placed in the Ely Gallery and he could ring it when he went down the hall. That way all Shakerites would benefit.
3. We recommend a translator for Room 107. KUTCJOPKHEDSPIH!
4. It's about time Mr. Klyver changed his initials. The members of the Student Council are getting very bored with seeing RDK time on the agenda. Why couldn't we have L.P.J. time or Q.R.M. time?
5. It's not that we dislike the food in the cafeteria. We love it; we eat it every day. But . . . It's time for a change. It would be very nice if Mr. Zednik would release the formula (excuse me, recipe) for his famed Mock Turtle Soup.
6. Someone should tell Dr. Dilley that "The Last Time I Saw Paris" is the name of a movie and not the theme song of "Helen of Troy."
7. Poor Mr. Morris has eye strain. He's tired of looking at the same pretty girls. We recommend a new class of cute sophomore girls for this shy boy.
8. They have "big boys" at Manners and foot-long hotdogs at many restaurants. We recommend foot-long pieces of chalk for Mr. Bristol so he can stand nearer to his pupils when writing on the blackboard.
9. Mr. Pickering is always dressed so nicely. Here's a tip, Mr. Pickering, from the Ivy League Association of Greater Cleveland High Schools . . . Black denim trousers with belts in the back are in vogue.
10. We feel that Mrs. Barrow deserves a secretary because of the great amount of paper she consumes (in preparing lessons, that is).
11. Last, but not least, we recommend that Mr. Burton Randall be elected to the Ohio Board of Censors for activities above and beyond the call of duty.



These are the brains behind the April Fool edition of the Shakerite.

H-Bomb in Ely Gallery Set to Explode April 2 As Scientists Take Over

Shaker's halls, hall cases, and the Ely Art Gallery will soon be filled with numerous machines and displays relating to the field of science.

The week of April 2-6 is Science Week, a week recognizing the work of science students. Science Week is held in the spring, and its purposes are to inform the rest of the school and the public as to what the science department is doing, to promote an interest in the study of science, and to give those students who have made science projects an opportunity to display their projects before going to the big Kent State Science Fair on Saturday, April 7. There, the students will enter their projects in competition. If they win, their projects will be sent to the Ohio State Fair. The displays in the hall cases will consist of biology, chemistry and physics experiments.



The Shakerite

an expression of student opinion

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Your Horoscope

By Little Star

This is not a good day for money matters if you are not good at handling money; otherwise, it is a good day. Avoid draughts and fist fights, and above all remember to breathe. This is a good day for breathing. If it is your birthday today, avoid not eating cake. You are friendly, kind, wise, and—if a Boy Scout—brave, clean, and reverent. And prepared.

Little Star will be happy to send you your own, your very own, personal, individual horoscope for 1956. Send 25c and ask for booklet B-7.

Notice

Any similarity between this and a normal newspaper is decidedly unintentional. The editors have had a most enjoyable time turning things upside down for this issue, and we hope that nobody is offended by our April Foolishness. We mean well—we really do—cross our hearts and hope to die—Aaaaaaargh.

As a culmination to Science Week at Shaker, there will be an assembly for the entire school and an open house. The assembly will consist of a lecture demonstration of television transmission by Robert C. Clark, public relations supervisor for the Ohio Bell Telephone Company. It will take place on Friday, April 6, at 11:15 a.m.

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Capital Punishment Outlawed! No More Hangings, Says Rupp!

The hectic week of campaigning is over at last, and with it goes the last of the flashing car parades, colorful posters, and clever floaters.

Today you Shakerites made your choice as to who will lead your school next year. The officers whom you selected are ambitious and original—as proved by their participation in the campaign.

At 3:30 last Monday, the first posters were put up, marking the beginning of the exciting week. From that time until the officers-elect were announced this morning, Shaker's halls were filled with a spirited atmosphere of tingling suspense.

The secretarial candidates were at a minor disadvantage as they were not permitted car parades, but the five sophomore girls compensated for this lack by their cafeteria skits and floaters. The "ivy league" craze was augmented by Joan, Renie's beanies were seen everywhere, Shakerites hungrily looked at Carolyn's doughnuts, Janey's "slick chicks" cackled, and Linda's hats were worn by almost all.

Car parades were watched by all as car-filled campaigners screamed and sang the names of their favorite choices for president and veep. But all the attention was not given to the outside events. Many a Shakerite was greeted by a band in the morning, or listened to a "live" disc jockey program. And surprisingly, it was with little confusion that thousands of home-made floaters were distributed yesterday and this morning.

Shakerites received a treat with their lunches as they watched amusing (and in some cases,

hysterical) skits in the cafeteria. "I Like Ike" was never more loudly chanted. Shakerites went back to their second childhood as they played with Jack's jacks, and with little pipe-cleaner dolls.

But the Shaker students abandoned all thoughts of novelties as they conscientiously and attentively listened to the speeches of the 10 candidates yesterday afternoon at 2:00. This sudden seriousness of our students remained with them as they returned to their homerooms for the primary elections. Here they selected the two finalists for the offices of vice-president and secretary. As soon as these four people were announced as the finalists, the excitement of the campaigning was reborn. Once again the bands played their songs, the drivers in the car parade honked their horns, and floaters were passed out. At 8:30 this morning the final voting took place, and later the much-awaited announcement was given.

The election is over, campaign week has come to a close. But the work of our new officers has just begun. They will forget the gay posters, campaign slogans, and floaters which were associated with their elections. As one of the candidates said "The hopes of the students will be the hopes of the officers." These officers will fulfill our hopes.

PLAN AHEAD

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter not as a member of your Shakerite staff, nor as a member of our Student Council, but rather as an annoyed Shaker student. Although I am glad that your editor called attention to our serious problem of elections, I am very distressed at its timing and implications.

You imply that the ten candidates running for office are merely mediocre material craving political glory. Furthermore, you imply that they are not among "the people of ability to whom our student government should be entrusted." I agree with you that there are many Shakerites who should be running, but at the same time they are no better than the fine people running at the present time.

It is widely felt by our students that the nominating system would not necessarily be more effective than the present one. If a student was nominated for an office which he didn't particularly desire, he nevertheless might feel obligated to run. Why should this person jeopardize the chances of someone who really wants the office? Do you not agree that a person who is veritably desirous of the office would work more efficiently and with greater perseverance than a more popular person, although not necessarily more qualified?

The main point brought out is a good one and it certainly has stirred up the interest of our students. Unfortunately, the milk has been spilled and it's too late for the situation to be remedied this year. I only hope that a solution will be found in the near future.

Sincerely,
Sue Silverman

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Editorial Reply

Dear Sue:

We were very much disturbed by the letter we received from you. We do not attempt to apologize for anything we said in the editorial to which you refer, we do not feel that an apology is necessary. We would, however, like to explain to you and to any other Shaker students who feel the same way the purpose of the editorial. We are sorry that you inferred another meaning from the editorial than the one intended.

Certainly, the Shakerite never meant to imply that students running for office were not of the highest caliber. Anyone will realize that a high school newspaper would never come out and slander people as fine as those who offer their services to the school. We give the candidates for office a lot of credit. The point we were trying to bring out was that among many of the students there is a lack of interest and participation in student government.

Sue, you said that the nominating system would not be effective because a student shouldn't feel forced to run for an office unless he so desires. Perhaps this is true, but don't you agree that people who are well-qualified should be especially encouraged to use their talents for the benefit of those around them? Nominations are a way of showing those people that others recognize their ability and want them as officers of the school. There is also a matter of "social conscience" which merely means that all of us have a duty to our school and perhaps many people who can fulfill that duty by running for office are not recognizing the fact that it IS their duty.

We do not imply that the candidates running for office are "mediocre" and merely "craving glory." If you will stop to think about that accusation you will realize the harm we would be doing to student morale by implying this. We are sorry that many students felt that the editorial was an insult to the candidates. We know they are fine people, but we still feel that there are many people who aren't recognizing their responsibilities.

The Editors



Mit Karl



Socialism

und Marx



Now the students, weak and weary,
Seem to brighten and get cheery
As they while away the minutes
Till they hurry out the door.
Checking how that theme they wrote looks,
They can picture empty coat hooks,
Sit and dream of untouched notebooks
For at least a week or more.
Seems the kids just can't disguise it—
Hope the teachers realize it,
And their motto's "minimize it"
So assignments they won't pour.
Cuz it's time to get some fun in
Go to Florida, get some sun in
Not to get assignments done in
That's what holidays are for.
If we have a REAL vacation
We'd return from this duration,
Work to show gratification—
Quoth the students,—“Evermore.”

The Kremlin Kapers, held a few Saturdays ago, was well invaded by a great many red-blooded Shakerites. Couples seen behind the iron curtain were Connie Lewis and Paul Herringshaw, Ken Burns and Dotty Dedo, Jeanne Cox with Ron Smith, Sally Stillinger and George Gingold, Barb Dale and Mike Gavlak, and Phyllis Genuth with Al Klee. Russian rock'n roll was provided by Comrades Tony Voytavitich, Dick Hoover, Brad Hale, and Ronnie Molnar.

It seems that this year's big switch, The Hadie Sawkins, was more enjoyed by the boys than the girls. Trust those guys to get a real kick out of watching the gals foot the bill, for once. Kirk Brownell and Susie Silverman, Bob Carlton and Patsy Wagenhals, Spence Kramer and Ann Samet, and Ralph Fuhrer with Flossie Rosewater were some of the couples who attended the dance.

You may have thought the basketball season was over but the biggest game of all wasn't played till March 6 "Perfect Pass" Pickering, "Hook Shoot" Heinlen, "Never Misses" Morris, "Raise the Score" Rice, "Slippery" Sanna, and "Quick Catch" Cramer proved that "old teachers never die" by showing up such senior boys as Terry Eisenberg, Ralph Furher, Marty Wohl, and Cliff Weiner in an after-school game.

C'est la Vie!

Thanks to the slippery fingers of Janice James, Mr. MacKeigan's theme song changed from "For Whom the Bells Toll" to "It's All Over but the Memories." Though this tragedy has been felt by all, we of Shaker will try to bear our sorrow. Don't feel bad, Mr. MacKeigan. After all, that's the way the bell bounces!

Sharp Shakerites!

1. Jimmy Dery—in his red hat with the raccoon tail.
2. Miss Hollister—sporting those eye-catching earrings.
3. Dotted Darlings—the Measley misfortunates such as Gene Wachtel, Maidie Lou Gore, and Chick Tate.
4. Judy Klein—the girl who has fun getting sick.

Questions of the Month:

We've been very curious to ask

1. Dave Seidenfeld if Prunello is really a mixture of prunes and jello.

2. Dick Schreiber why he is called "Rocky."

3. Roger McArt if chemistry alone can cause an ulcer.

Shaker's Best Cellars

1. "King's Row" by the senior boys at their lunch table.

2. "To Hel—en Back" by Bob Sugar.

3. "A Connecticut Yankee" by Albergida.

4. "Great Expectations" by the senior class.

5. "Of Mice and Men" by Margolis and Reiter.

6. "The Trouble with Homework" by Harry.

7. "The Wanderer" by Judy Siegel.

8. "I, the Jury" by the central committee (Especially to Dennis from Judy).

9. "Lord Jim" by Adler, Bialosky, Greene, and Hauser.

10. "King Solomon's Mines" by Janis Suid.

11. "Tale of Two Cities" by Miami and Cleveland.

Best Wishes Department

1. Shaker wishes a speedy recovery to Mike Bobier and Mel Shaw.

2. Congratulations to all the new school officers!

Advice to thin people:

Don't eat fast.

Advice to fat people:

Don't eat—fast.

The Demerit Panel Or---the Man With The Mangled Arm

Mr. Tiny Morris took a long sip from his mint julip and spat at the small boy appearing before the Demerits Panel (they always give many punishments, never one). The small boy flexed his bicep muscle, which was tattooed with a dragon eating a serpent and interwoven with the phrase, "Mother, I love you?"

The boy small gave an insipid look at the panel members. Ken Berns gave a loud shrill laugh and started to bite his nails. Bill Carlson stopped doing pushups and changed to situps. The turbidity became very viscous.

As Mary Miller pronounced the punishment (which is always in proportion to the crime and/or inversely proportional to the curved line—see Algebra II) the boy's shirt began to pop open and everyone could see another tattoo inked on his hairy chest—it was a picture of a smoky back room with everyone sitting around a poker table playing poker with one of the men wearing an eyeshade. Interwoven with the picture was the name Kim Novak. Emmy Stark hiccoughed and Mr. Morris Tiny backed in a corner of the room. Bill stopped doing situps and changed to jumping jacks—the turbidity turned even more viscous. Ronnie Loeser stopped making her xanthoprotein test. Only Marcia Boukalik remained calm and smiled. Everyone knew it—they could sense that this small boy was Frankie Machine's eleven year old brother.

As the boy that was small and growing smaller walked out of the room we could hear Shorty Rodgers saying over the public address, "The first four bars are all yours, Mister Machine."

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The Lilliputians

By Lemuel Gulliver

To the reader: The ideas expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of the editors. They're crazy anyway.

Welcome to Mitchell McCrinnis, a new member of our class who comes to us straight from the Ould Sod. It would be appreciated if students would refrain from wearing orange clothing to school, as it excites Mitchell's Irish temper. Please realize that he is a good boy in his place. Volunteers are needed to help dig it for him.

I Bet It Would Surprise You

If no one failed an algebra test.
If you knew the population of Sitka, Alaska was 2,001. (and growing rapidly!)

If you could wear an Ivy League shirt for a whole day without seeing it on anyone else.

If Mr. Stark sponsored a local chapter of the Mickey Mouse Club.

Noted While Passing to The Lunatic Bin

Lee Yearley reading the Saga of Nigel Molesworth in the library. (It's on the "Reserved for Intellectuals" shelf.)

The fair city of Columbus rocked by the coming of a trainload of Shaker students. Among the sophs present at the state meet were Pat Tenbeau, Robbi Cox, Gayle Schuring, John Zucker, Ellen Diss, Ed Jeffery, Paul Switzer, Marina Corso, Tom Adler, and Mitchell McCrinnis.

Still trying to change his biology grade is Richard Kates, who died trying instead of trying dying.

In line with biology, these records are suggested for the Biology Department file. The Erosion Song, or Suddenly There's a Valley (thank you Jon Krupick), and a Geologist's Lament, Don't Take Me for Granite.

Comrade, are you oogling at members of the opposite sex in study hall? Do you make doodles during discussions in class? Do you go to the library only to look for pictures of Marilyn Monroe or Rock Hudson in the magazines? Cut out this horse-play and get down to work! The state needs



your brains. Remember, the life you save may be your own.

Food for Thought

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do next week.

People who carry glass flasks shouldn't sit on stone benches.

A doctor a day means oodles to pay.

Early to bed and early to rise means you miss the best television programs.

A sock on the foot is worth three in the jaw.

If by accident something in this column made you laugh, your mind is weak. Well, goodbye dear readers, and remember, keep your powder dry.

Answers to IQ and Social Adjustment Quiz, Page 2

1. Mickey Rodent
2. When no one is looking.
3. Henry VIII, Khan, Farouk, etc
4. Cannibals
5. Say in a gentlemanly way. "How would you like to drive for awhile?"
6. 3.2%
7. Gargle with hot chicken fat
8. What to Do With Your Empty Closet Space by Bluebeard.

Students Bored With Vacation Would Rather Absorb Learning

"No more pencils, no more books..." this is the exultant cry of 1100 happy Shakerites as they race madly toward Shaker's exits. Many Shakerites are rushing out of our fair school to spend ten days eating and sleeping. This is a favorite vacation for "studious, overworked" scholars.

Some of these tired souls are Audrey Tepper, Ann Collins, Phyllis Genuth and Gene Wachtel. Many students, such as Hope Greenspan and Phyllis Kaplan, will spend their vacations worrying about the work they should be doing, while others will flock to various vacation spots.

Following the sun to Florida seems to be the favorite plan of many vacationing Shakerites. Joining the great herd of sun worshippers are Nancy Williams, Ellen Passan, Sally Bergman, Judy Brandwan, Judy Sue Eglin, Carole Goldman and Gwen Daniels. The senior boys, Jim Adler, Tony Haber, Mike Blane, Dick Margolis, Walt Freedman, Bob Dudnik, Corky Maniaci, John Slavin, Jim Dery, Dick Cowan and Dick Danford also intend to invade Miami. On their way to Fort Lauderdale are Bob Dale, Bob West, Frank Crouse and Curt Telzrow. Thinking about the trip they almost took to Florida are Jackie Seskin, Roma Sims and Judy Rosenberg. Hundreds of other Shakerites will also be in Florida, in spirit if not in body.

A Y-Teen group consisting of

The Shakerite staff regrets that it couldn't get the top of Bob Markey's head in the last issue. In case any of you wanted to see what the top of his head looks like . . . here it is.



Madge Douda, Emily Stark, Sue Grigsby, Kathy Herron and Diane Divoky is looking forward to a five day trip to New York. Also going to New York are Flossie and Stan Rosewater and Marilyn Goodman.

Many Shakerites are going to visit colleges. Jinny Siffritt will see William and Mary as well as Goucher. Jeff Gardner is going to Clemson in North Carolina for an entrance exam and Chuck Hazel is going to Yale in New Haven. Dick Schwartz has already gone to Wright Patterson Field in Dayton to take an Air Force Academy test.

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Mr Clark will explain and demonstrate the principles of radar and the use of micro-waves in transmitting television pictures by the use of special apparatus which will show how micro-waves may be reflected, bent, made to go around corners and concentrated into narrow beams. Mr. Clark will also describe the Bell System's coaxial cable network, now being installed across the nation, which augments the radio relay system in carrying both network television programs and regular long distance telephone messages from one city to another. Mr. Clark has been with Ohio Bell for 26 years.

The open house will be Friday evening, and both students and the general public are invited. Not only will the students exhibit their projects at the open house, but actual experiments in the three sciences will be performed and explained by the members of the various science classes.

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Manhattan Island was not sold for \$24. One Indian chief refused to sell his share. His descendants are now the real owners of Midtown Manhattan.

The world's strongest creature is the pelfer ant, found in the Pelfer Strip in Southern Africa. He can move an object over 12,000 times his own weight.

Blood is not red—it is green and turns red when exposed to air.

There is no such thing as sleep! "Sleep" is only an illusion resulting from a temporary loss of consciousness.

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For the second year in a row, the Red Raider track squad finished in the runner-up position in the Suburban I division of the Cleveland Scholastic Indoor Track Meet at the Arena on March 15.



Frederick George Heinlen
What, me worry?

Baseball Preview Given by Heinlen

"I won't be able to tell much until we move outside. Everyone is a Mickey Mantle in the gym, but you don't get bad bounces on a basketball court." Shaker's baseball coach, Fred Heinlen, also has a few other things to say about the coming season.

"Things depend greatly on how Chuck Kahn's knee responds to treatment, because he is our best hitter, and without him things don't look too encouraging. Chuck is scheduled to hold down the first base assignment, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

"We have Captain Mike Block, Dick Schroeder, George Brown, Rog McArt, and Jim Lavdas, all of whom have experience at the other three infield positions. This will provide keen competition, which usually brings about fine performances."

"In the outfield we have Rog Gilbert and Arnie Eisenberg who came along well this past summer, and they may be joined by one or two of the surplus infielders. Whoever hits will play the outfield, regardless of his original position."

"Billy German will do the catching again this year, and he will provide hitting power and speed, as well as a year of valuable experience. Behind him is sophomore John Tomash, another product of our fine summer program."

"Our pitching is good and experienced, with Lou Body and Ed Anzalone returning. Body has gained poise and experience and Anzalone the same. The latter may also see outfield action due to his hitting ability."

"We have experience and depth, but our hitting remains to be seen. Much depends on Kahn's knee. Without him it could be an average season, with him, well, we'll just have to wait and see."

State Title Within Reach of Hoopsters

Shaker's basketball team annexed their sixteenth straight victory last Friday as they overcame East Tech by the score of 96-38. The lanky Raider squad, which averages 6 feet 2 inches, smothered East Tech's small but scrappy Scarabs.

The game started as 6 foot 6 inch Corky Maniaci outjumped Tech's 5 foot 4 inch Gene DeLoach. He whipped the ball to Shaker's gigantic forward Mike Blane who dunked in a lay-up.

Coach Heinlen removed his sport jacket in anticipation of a close contest. The teams traded basket during the first two periods and by half-time Coach Heinlen had stripped down to his underwear and socks.

Shaker was in a perilous position as the second half began, for the officials wouldn't let Heinlen into the gym until he had put back on some of his clothes. Shaker started to show its class in the third quarter as Dennis Goodman, who has not committed a foul in the last thirteen games, began to find the mark. He hit on eleven consecutive shots from the floor and rolled up 48 points for the night. Goodman nearly came to blows with an opposing player, but Charley Kahn, the coolest head on the Raiders' team, intervened. Charley took Dennis aside and quietly explained to him that it was merely a game and that he should not let his temper get the best of him. Dennis Tamesin, Shaker's "marvelous mid-get," played stand-out basketball and received a tremendous ovation as he left the court.

The Red Raiders are in line for their fifth city championship in a row. They have one game left to play, an independent clash with Lakewood, but the game is looked upon with indifference by the student body. Should Shaker triumph in the State tournament they will be the only team in Ohio's history to have won the crown three times in succession. Their opening loss to U. S. is the only blemish on an otherwise perfect record. Coach Heinlen in summarizing the season had this to say: "This is the year we built character."

Jobah Levy

Olympus Plays Track Tricks; Tough Luck for Coach Rice

At last the story can be told! Mental examinations have proved Coach Bob Rice sane, making possible the fantastic story he tells. The chance that Mr. Rice suffered only an illusion caused by worry and overwork can not be ruled out, but our revered track mentor tells his story with such conviction that the Shakerite feels obligated to pass it on to you.

It all began early last spring, about two weeks before the outdoor track season was slated to start. Coach Rice was driving home from a work-out after school when suddenly his experienced eye fell upon a young lad, wearing a crazy tin hat, sprinting happily down the street.

"Gee," said Bob, nearly swallowing his gum, "where did you learn to run like that?"

"I've been running errands for quite some time," beamed the youth, "really builds up the legs, you know. What's more, I don't smoke, drink, swear, or go out with girls!"

"Holy moly!" cried Rice. "What do you do for laughs?"

"Run, man, run. I really go ape for this stuff." The boy began dancing up and down, eager to be off again. "Say Jack," cooed the young gazelle, "do you know where I can find the track coach? I just got into town and I'd like to go out for the team."

"Me, me!" shouted Rice hysterically. Finally, getting a hold of himself, he managed to say "That is, I'm the coach. Let's go back to the school for a few minutes; you can show me your stuff. By the way, what's your name?"

"Yrucrem," replied Yrucrem. "Yrucrem!" laughed Rice. "That's a pretty weird name—first or last?"

"Take your pick, coach," said Yrucrem affably. "Say, let's get going, I feel like running."

To make a short story shorter, Yrucrem turned in a performance that left Coach Rice weak with joy. World records fell like rain. The times were incredible—8.7 for

the 100-yard dash—3:45.3 for the mile.

Yrucrem vaulted 17'6" using a strange pole with serpentine decoration at one end. Rice and the young star worked every night for the next two weeks. Then the night before the first meet it happened. Yrucrem had just started the home stretch sprint and was on his way to breaking his own mile record when a brilliant bolt of lightning flashed out of the heavens. When the smoke cleared Rice's prodigy was gone—only a note remained. It read "I've been called back to Olympus. Thanks for everything—Yrucrem."

Impossible you say? Well perhaps you're right, but to this day Bob Rice swears that he had the privilege of coaching Yrucrem, the track star from Olympus.

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